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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUBUMBASHI 0712

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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CG

SUAECT: SHABAN DEVELOPMENTS/ JUNE 15-16, 1978

1. FOREIGN TROOPS DELPOYMENTS: ALL OF ABOUT 230 REMAINING FRENCH  
LEGIONNNAIRES HAVING DEPARTED KOLWEZI AREA ON MORNING OF  
JUNE 14 FOR LUBUMBASHI, FLEW OUR OF ZAIRE ON JUNE 15.  
BELGIANS REMAIN IN PLACE WITHOUT DEFINITE DEPARTURE  
ORDERS. NO DEPLOYMENT OUT OF LUBUMBASHI AS YET BY ANY  
OF THE PAN AFRICAN FORCES. PRESIDENT MOBUTU WAS EXPECTED  
TO ARRIVE IN LUBUMBASHI ON BOTH JUNE 14AND 15 TO REVIEW  
THE PAN AFRICAN DEPLOYMENT PLAN. SINCE A VISIT NOW SEEKS  
UNLIKELY COLONEL LOUBARIS IS SCHEDULED TO FLY FROM  
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SHABA TO SEE MOBUTU OVER THE COMING WEEK-END

2. THE FOLLOWING TROOPS ARRIVED IN LUBUMBASHI ON JUNE 14

(A) MOROCCANS 22 SOLDIERS AND 2 APCS ABOARD 2  
MOROCCAN C-130'S A VARIETY OF JEEPS AND LANDROVERS  
ABOARD 2 C-5A-# AND C-141 BELONGING TO THE US AIR FORCE

(B) SENEGALESE: 130 SOLDIES ABOARD 2 BELGIAN C  
-130'S, 3 SOLDIERS AND SEVERAL JEEPS ABOARD A US C-141.

(C) TOGOLESE: 4 SOLDIERS AND TRUCKS ABOARD A  
US C-141.

3. ON JUNE 15, US MAC/ALCE TEAM LUBUMBASHI HANDLED TWO  
C-5'A AND 2 C-141 WHICH ARRIVED IN ZAIRE WITH THE LAST  
OF THE MOROCCAN JEEPS AND LANDROVERS AND LEFT WITH  
FRENCH PARATROOPERS.

4. SEVERAL INCIDENTS MARKED THE LAST DAYS OF LEGION  
NAIRES PRESENCE IN LUBUMBASHI. ON THE EVENING OF JUNE  
14, LEGIONNAIRES REPORTED KILLE TWO JUNIOR FAZ OFFICERS  
WHOM THEY SUSPECTS OF ROBBERY. ANOTHER GROUP  
FIRED HOTS AT THE BARTENDER OF THE KARAVIA HOTEL WHEN  
THE BEER THEY ORDERED DID NOT ARRIVE QUICKLY. AT THE  
AIRPORT ON JUNE 15, AS THE LEGIONNAIRES WERE GETTING  
RADY TO LEAVE ZAIRIAN AUTHORITIES REAISED  
SUSPICIONS THAT THE FRENCH TROOPS WERE TAKING BOOTY FROM  
KOLWEZI WITH THEM BACK TO CORSICA. A MINOR CONFRONTATION  
OCCURED WHEN FAZ DISCOVERED A GRENADE IN ONE  
OF THE VEHICLES THAT FRENCH HAD DRIVE TO THE AIRPORT  
AND ACCUSED THE LEGIONNAIRES OF SABATAGE. THE LEGION  
NAIRES DEPARTED LATE IN THE AFTERNOON BUT LEFT A LOCAL  
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CIVILIAN AND MILITARY OFFICIALS WITH BITTER ANI  
FRENCH FEELINGS.

5. KOLWEZI: GECAMINES OFFICIALS WERE NOT HAPPY THAT  
THE FRENCH HAD PULLED OUT THEIR LEGIONNAIRES WITHOUT  
OFFICIAL ADVANCE WARNING. THZN NOTED NONTHELESS THAT  
NO PROBLEMS HAD BEEN REPORTED ON EITHER JUNE 14 OR 15.  
GECAMINES SENT A PLANE FULL OF MEAT TO THEIR COMM  
MISSARY IN KOLWEZI ON JUNE 15. BELGIANS TROOPS AND TWO  
JEEPS ACCOMPANIED THE MEAT SHIPMENT AND PATROLLED THE  
TOWN FOR THE DAY. GECAMINES OFFICIALS SAID THAT  
THEIR ZAIRIAN ENGINEERS WERE VERY FRIGHTENED ABOUT  
THE PROSPECTS OF BEING LEFT ALONG FOR SEVERAL DAY  
UNDER FAZ CONTROL. THE ZAIRIAN GENERAL IN CHARGE  
AT  
KOLWEZI TOLD THE BELGIAN CONSUL THAT HE SUSPECTED ALL  
OF KOLWEZI PRESENT RESIDENTS TO BE SYMPATHETIC TO THE  
FLNC AND HOSTILE TO THE ZAIRIAN GOVERNMENT.

6. SHABA'S MILITARY GOVERNOR GENERAL SINGA MET WITH  
LUBUMBASHI B INESS COMMUNITY ON JUNE 14 TO URGE  
THEM TO RESTART THEIR KOLWEZI BRANCH STORES AS SOON

AS POSSIBLE. THE BUSINESSMEN RESPONDED ANGRILY THAT THEY NEEDED SECURITY FROM THE PILLAGING FAZ TROOP AS WELL AS THE FLNC AND THAT THEY ALSO NEEDED BETTER CREDIT OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY ACCESS TO FOREIGN EXCHANGE, IF THEY WERE TO RESUME BUSINESS ACTIVITIES IN KOLWEZI. THE GENERAL ADMITTED THE EXISTENCE OF MINOR PAST PROBLEMS BUT PRESSED FOR COOPERATION. ONE BUSINESSMAN COULD ONLY DEFINE HIS REACTION USING FOUR-LETTER EXPLETIVES.

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